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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the Applicant, Dr. John Stark, and Applicant's undersigned representative in a phone interview on August 18, 2009. The distinctions between the teachings of U.S. 5,334,205 to Cain and Applicant's claimed procedure were discussed. In particular, Dr. Stark explained the distinctions in the context of the physiology of the sacroiliac joint. The Examiner agreed that the positive recitation of the driving apart of the surfaces of the ilium and the sacrum distinguished the Cain reference. The Examiner noted that an updated search and additional consideration would be performed.

Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's cooperation in resolving any further issues with a phone call to Applicant's representative if this can lead to efficient handling of the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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